at Dispur has been included in the current year's (1975-76) annual plan and a State Archives will be established. The plan and estimate for a new record building at Dispur has been approved and the work of construction is being taken up shortly. The question whether the newly established State Archives would be attached to the Department of Historical and Antiquarian studies, Gauhati or would function under the present Keeper of Records, is in a matter for the Assam Government to decide.

(Q) : Microfilm of important records in the State Archives

(17) Resolution by Shri F.M.Hassnain

"Resolved that the National Archives of India be asked to microfilm, in a phased manner, all pre-1947 important political records housed in various State Archives Offices in the country."

Explanatory Note

Most of the State Archives offices in the country are not provided with microfilming facilities and it is not possible for them to microfilm their important collections pertaining to pre-1947 political records. The State Archives of Jammu & Kashmir houses very important political records which are available only at Punjab Record Office, Lahore and London Record Office and it is necessary to get these records microfilmed in the interest of research. Similarly, there are very important political records pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir State in the London Record Office which are not available with us. Arrangements for their microfilming shall also have to be done by the National Archives of India.

Standing Committee's views:

The resolution is not clear, as it speaks of post-1947 records while the explainatory note concerns about pre-1947 period. From the note it appears that the matter relates to the acquisition of microfilm from abroad to fill in the gaps in the record holdings of the State Archives. The National Archives of India already has such a programme on continuing basis and have recently concluded an agreement with the India Office Library and Records for the exchange of microfilms, State Archives can consult the National Archives of India about their requirements of microfilms from abroad and the latter would try to render every assistance in this respect.

(R) Inclusion of representatives of State Archives Universities and Research Institutions in Delegations

(18) Resolution by Shri F.M.Hassnain

"Resolved that henceforth, representatives from State Archives, Universities and Research Institutions of the country be included as members in cultural delegations."

Explanatory Note

Perusal of the list of cultural delegations which went out of the country, deputed by Ministry of Education Culture and Social Welfare, from 1947 reveals that these cultural delegations did not include representatives from the State Archives, State Universities and State Research Institutions. In order to give comprehensive image of our composite culture, it is necessary to include representatives of the State Archives, State Universities and State Research Institutions in these delegations..